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In re the National Stage application of:

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For: NOVEL PLASTIC BASED COMPOSITE AND ITS USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 1999

Sir:

Please amend this application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 10 and 12-17 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2 or 3,".

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of the above claims" to -- claim

1 --.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any of the above claims" to -- claim

1 --.

Claim 13, Line 1, change "any of the above claims" to -- claim

1 --.

Claim 14, line 1, change "any of Claims 1 - 12" to -- claim 1 $\,$

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Claim 15, line 2, change "any of Claims 1 - 14" to -- claim 1

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